

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 June 66 12/0805Z	2. LOCATION York, Pa. (3 witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (Arcturus) <i>Very likely Arcturus - JCH</i> Arcturus was at 290° and 8° elevation & setting.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer noted almost stationary object positioned in the west. Object hovered over the tree tops, moved in deliberate directions and had compartments that glowed with beautiful soft - colored lights. Observer compared object with star but was larger.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual Bx	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM  
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

*York, Pa.*

*12 June '66*

FTD (TDETR)  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
11 July 1966

R.F.D. [REDACTED]  
York, Pennsylvania 17402

Dear [REDACTED]

Reference your recent unidentified observation of 12 June 1966. The information in your letter was not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

(H) HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF  
Chief, Project Blue Book

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R. F. D. [REDACTED]  
York, Penna.  
June 13, 1966

(Dept. of Defense)  
Pentagon Bldg.  
Washington D. C.

To whom it may concern:

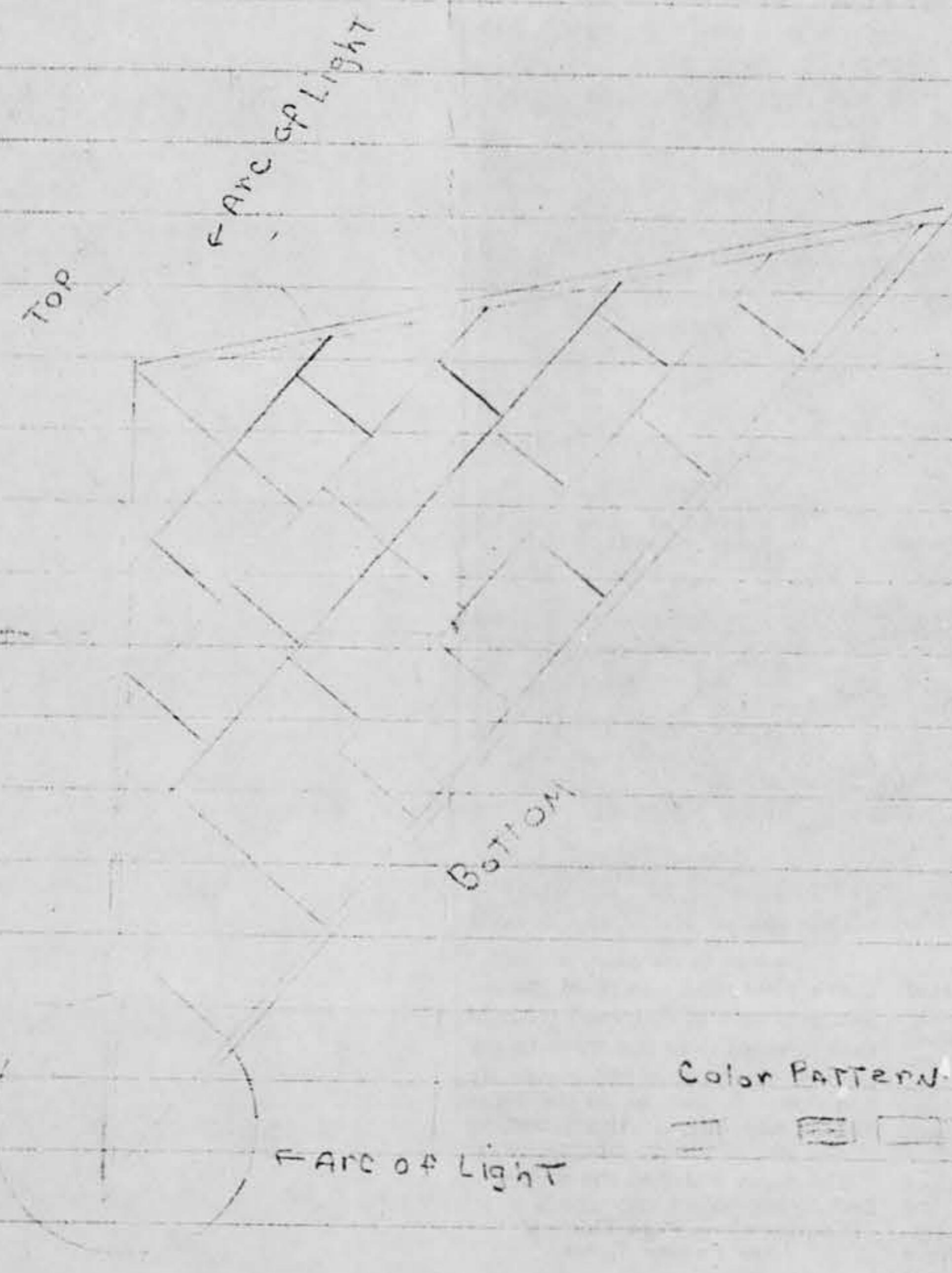
Enclosed find a newspaper clipping explaining the sighting of an "Unidentified Flying Object" west of our home on Sunday morning, June 12th at 4:05 A.M. E.D.T. Since we live in an area where the sky view is very limited we are wondering what type lighted, moving object could have positioned itself almost stationary in the air above the treetops and suddenly just disappear. My son has drawn an illustration on a separate sheet what the object looked like through binoculars. (Send 164)

There is also a tree without leaves on the top of the ridge. They are very hesitant about investigating because of radioactivity or otherwise that might be harmful to humans. There is a possibility the tree died of natural causes, but they do not know because it really wasn't noticed before.

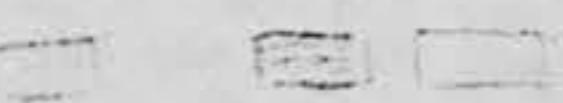
Thank you,

Enc. (2)

P.S. The house in the photo is a neighbor's house, our house sits on the top of the hill, behind the spot where we are standing.



Color Pattern:



The Gazette and Daily, York, Pa., Monday Mo

## Family Sights 'Saucer'



—Photo by The Gazette and Daily

A York RD 5 family reported observing for 25 minutes yesterday morning within 700 yards of their home a "flying saucer" that hovered over the treetops, moved in deliberate directions and had compartments that glowed with beautiful soft-colored lights."

The arrow near the top right of the photograph points out the opening in the trees where the flying object was reported to have hovered during most of the time it was observed.

Richard Sipe, employed by the state highways department as a surveyor for nine years, his wife Hazel who attended Millersville State teachers college and taught elementary school in York county for 14 years, and their son Richard Jr., 14 and a B student in the 10th grade at Northeastern High school agreed, "If we weren't believers in flying saucers, we are now."

The Sipes, who live about two miles west of Strinestown on the

Zion's View road, described the object as a sort of flattened triangle that hovered over the trees to the west of their home and moved up and down as well as to the right and to the left, at times coming closer and at others moving away.

The Sipes watched the unidentified flying object through binoculars.

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hite. The pink seemed at times glow more of a red."

Mrs. Sipe said she got up about 6:50 Sunday morning to get her two-year-old son Dana a drink of milk, and when she went near the east window of the kitchen the Venetian blinds "just seemed to glow with a bright light."

"I pulled the blind up," Mrs. Sipe said, "and I saw this object glowing and hovering over the treetops just west of our home. I noticed right off way a star in the distance and this object compared with the star was like a basketball to a marble in size."

"I watched it maneuver for about five minutes before I was sure I wasn't seeing things, and then I called my son Richard who came to the window with me. After another five minutes we called my husband."

"We have seen many airplanes cross the sky out here but we both knew that this was no airplane," Mrs. Sipe said.

Richard interrupted his mother's account to add, "And no one can tell me this was swamp gas, because there isn't any swamp around here."

#### 'Partitions' Were Seen

Richard continued, "Through the field-glasses you could make out what appeared to be partitions between the different-colored lights. The object filled that opening between the trees to the right while it hovered there, and the edges of it could be seen glowing through the leaves of the higher trees beside the opening."

"At one stage there appeared to be several arcs of light almost horseshoe-shaped over the center of it, and then those arcs went out and others appeared near the left edge."

The boy described the object as looking something like a cocked marble that has been flattened some."

The father said, "I thought they were kidding when they got me up that early, but I am convinced now."

#### Power Lines Behind

He said the tops of the trees are about 700 yards from the home. Behind the trees, Sipe said, are large electrical power lines.

"Now that I have seen one and am convinced, I would love to see what's in them," Mrs. Sipe declared.

Coincidence or not, the opening described as the spot where the object hovered can be identified by one tree without leaves.

## FAMILY SIGHTS

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"Mrs. Sipe said that, according to Sipe, brought the object to within 100 yards."

"The object more than filled the width of lens of the field-glasses," Sipe said.

"We were afraid to talk too much about it," Mrs. Sipe said, "because we thought people would think we had lost our minds, but I saw it and I am convinced it had to be operated by some sort of intelligence, it moved with such deliberate movements."

"When we called one person he tried to tell us it was probably one of about 20 satellites the U.S. has in orbit," Mrs. Sipe continued, "but these would be moving in one direction, while the object we observed moved horizontally to the left, and then horizontally to the right. It moved straight upward at times and at other times down."

She added "It appeared to have separate compartments around the edge that were lighted in different soft colors, pink, blue-green and

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?	2. Time of day: <u>4 : 05</u>	
<u>12</u> Day	<u>June</u> Month	<u>1966</u> Year
	Hour      Minutes	
	(Circle One): <input checked="" type="radio"/> A.M. or <input type="radio"/> P.M.	
3. Time Zone:	(Circle One): a. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Eastern b. <input type="radio"/> Central c. <input type="radio"/> Mountain d. <input type="radio"/> Pacific e. <input type="radio"/> Other _____	
	(Circle One): a. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Daylight Saving b. <input type="radio"/> Standard	
4. Where were you when you saw the object?	<u>R. F. D. [REDACTED]</u> Nearest Postal Address <u>York</u> City or Town <u>York Co., Penna.</u> State or County	
5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)	<u>25</u> Hours      Minutes      Seconds	
	a. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Certain b. Fairly certain      c. Not very sure d. Just a guess	
5.1 How was time in sight determined?	<u>Clock</u>	
5.2 Was object in sight continuously?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No _____
6. What was the condition of the sky?	DAY a. Bright      b. Cloudy      NIGHT a. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Bright      b. Cloudy	
7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?	(Circle One): a. In front of you b. In back of you      d. To your left c. To your right      e. Overhead f. Don't remember	

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

### 8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
  - b. A few
  - c. Many
  - d. Don't remember

### 8.2 MOON (*Circle One*):

- a. Bright moonlight
  - b. Dull moonlight
  - c. No moonlight – pitch dark
  - d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

**CLOUDS (Circle One):**

- a. Clear sky
  - b. Hazy
  - c. Scattered clouds
  - d. Thick or heavy clouds

**WEATHER (Circle One):**

- a. Dry
  - b. Fog, mist, or light rain
  - c. Moderate or heavy rain
  - d. Snow
  - e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. **Solid**
  - b. Transparent
  - c. Vapor
  - d. As a light
  - e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):



12. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):

  - a. Fuzzy or blurred
  - b. Like a bright star
  - c. Sharply outlined
  - d. Don't remember

- e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did the object:

- (Circle One for each question)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time?
  - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
  - c. Break up into parts or explode?
  - d. Give off smoke?
  - e. Change brightness?
  - f. Change shape?
  - g. Flash or flicker?
  - h. Disappear and reappear?

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? Yes - Leveled off and disappeared beyond the horizon.

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes  No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind:

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes  No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of:

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

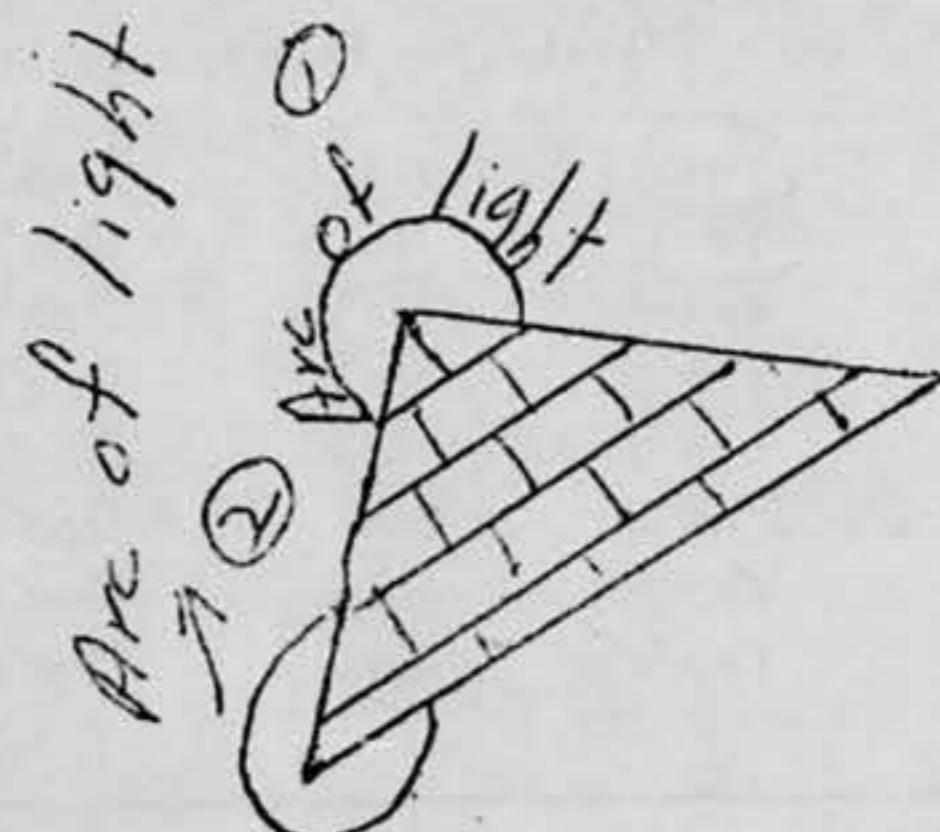
- a. Sound Didn't go out to check were too interested.  
 b. Color Changed in Sequence pink to Blue to green to white Continously

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

Very, very small portion

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails.

Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



1. First arc Flashed  
 2. Second " "

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)  Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? Moved very slow

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)  Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 3000 feet  
Could have been reached with Gunfire

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane (type)
- e. At sea
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

23. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

24.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

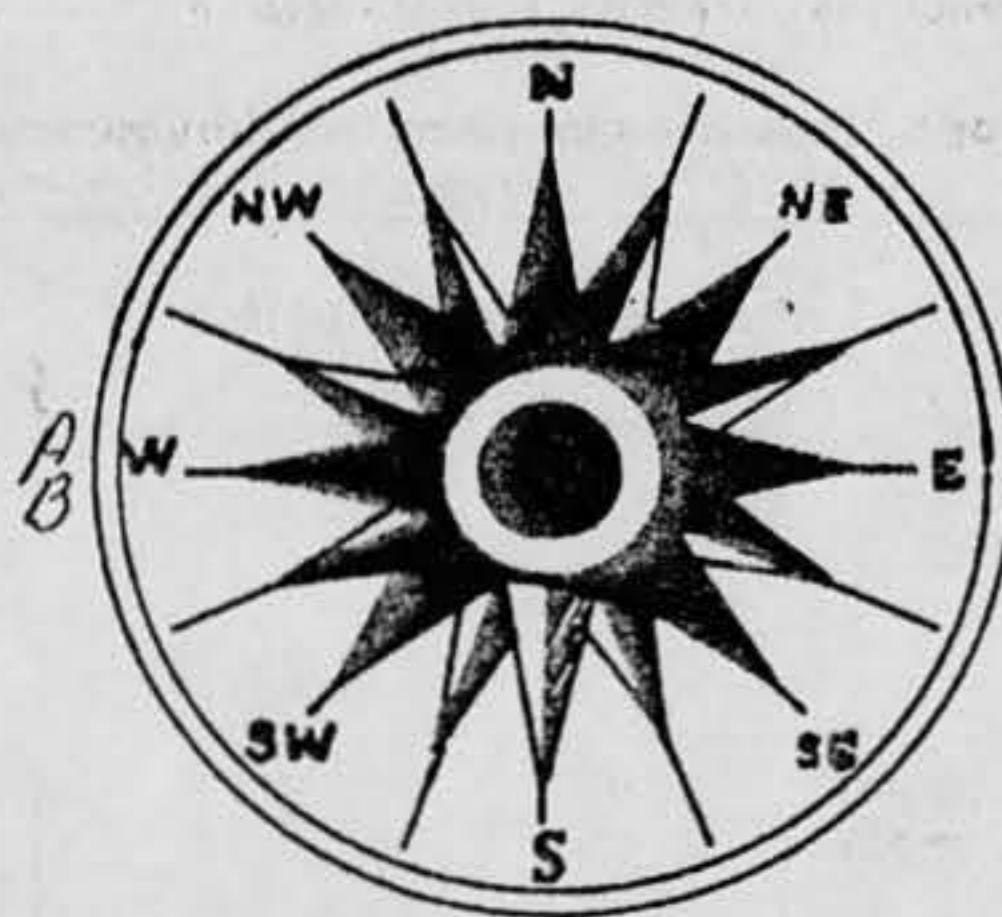
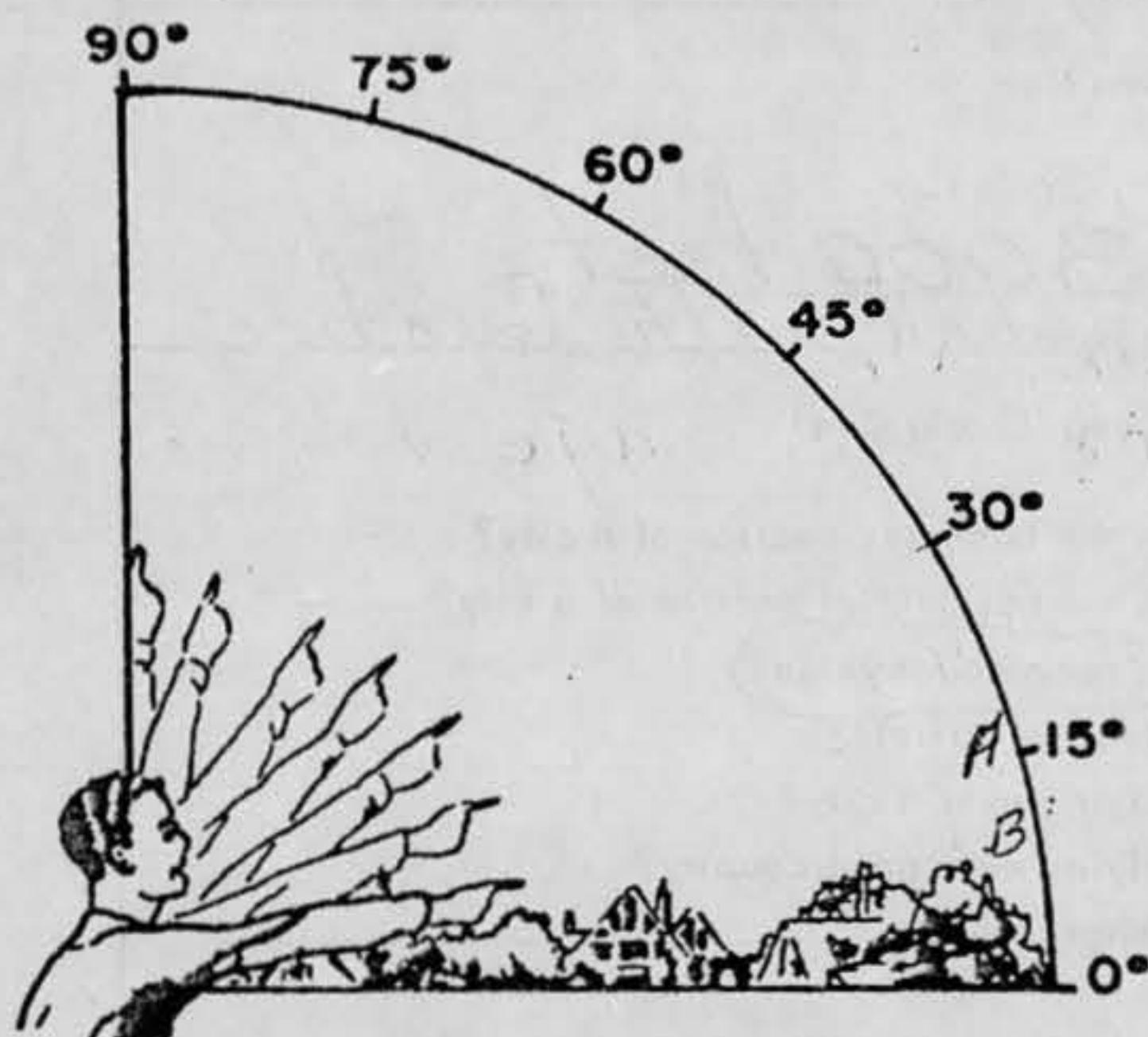
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- |                 |                                      |                                     |                |                                      |                                     |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses   | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | e. Binoculars  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | f. Telescope   | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield   | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite  | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| d. Window glass | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | h. Other _____ |                                      |                                     |

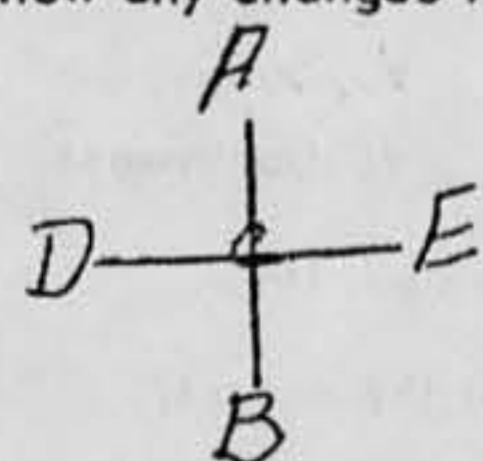
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

Illuminated top

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you last saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



UP and down  
Left to right  
Motion

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? One

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

No

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED]

age 14 yrs.

R. D. [REDACTED]

York, Pa.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

R. D.

Street

York

City

Zone

Penna.

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

AGE 40

SEX Female

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

June 12

Day

Month

1966

Year

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Pa.  
6/15/66 Letter to Dept. of Defense, Washington, D.C.

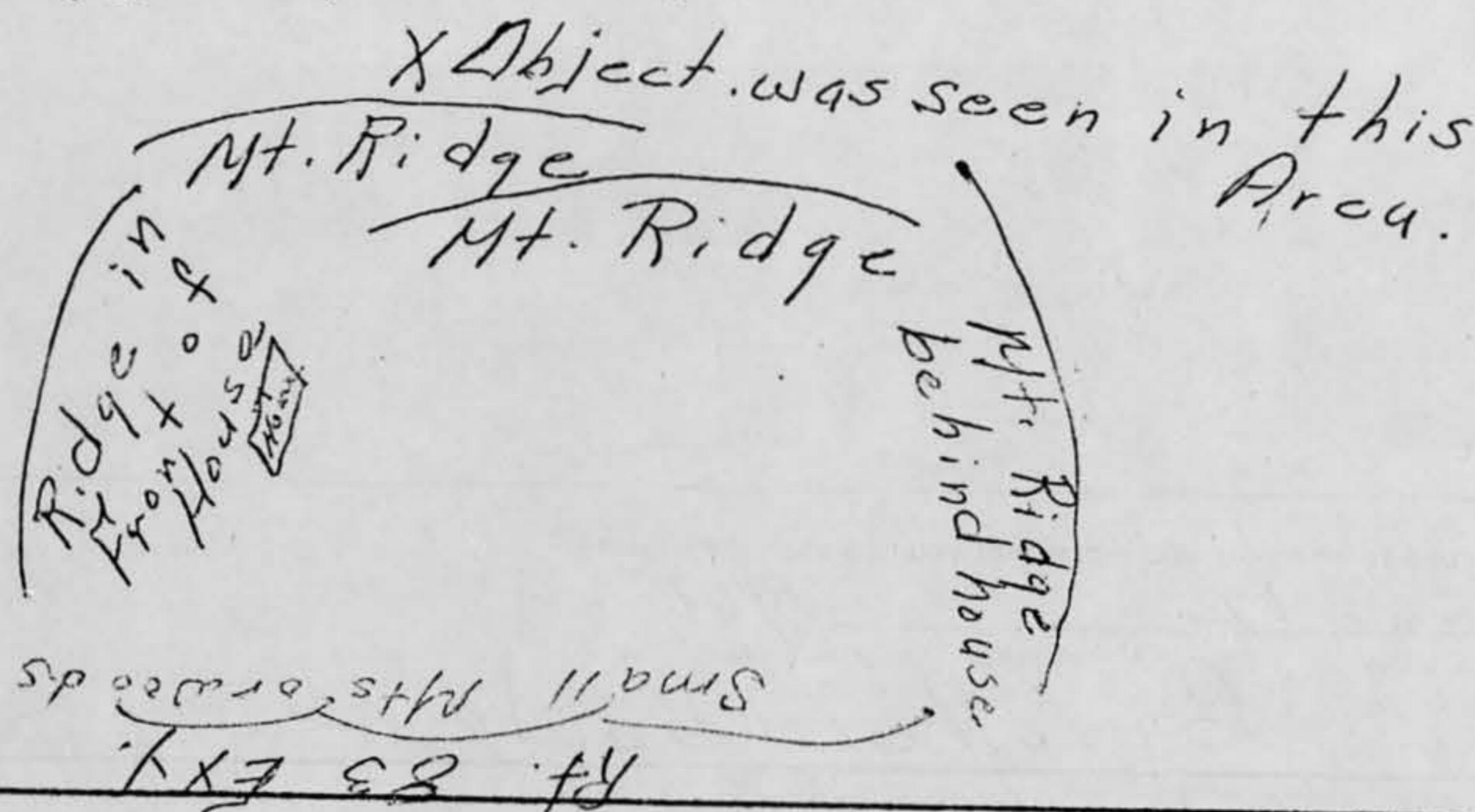
34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

20 July 1966  
Day Month Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

We are acquainted with all types of aircraft - (Jets, Com. planes, private planes, and helicopters) and know this was none of them. We live in what you could call an "air traffic lane" west of Olmsted Air Force Base. Due to the limited sky space we know it is impossible for any aircraft to be seen for any length of time. Also the lighting did not correspond with aircraft lights.

I will try to draw an outline of the horizon



There is also a dead or burned tree in this area we are not sure if it was there before or not, but are afraid to go back and look.